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- 15.—Hd. of the goddess Roma to r. wearing winged helmet; behind, x (10 asses).
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B. C. 254-217.

- 16.—Similar, with ROMA in relief.—Denarius. Cohen, XLIII. 2. 1 fr. 50.
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Rev.:—Similar. — Quinarius. Cohen, XLIII. 4. 1 fr. 50.
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Rev.:—Similar. — Sestertius. Cohen, XLIII. 6. 3 fr.

B. C. 228-204.

- 19.—Laureate hd. of Jupiter to r.
Rev.:—ROMA. Victory standing to r. crowning a trophy of arms.—Double victoriate. Mommsen (ed. Blacas), II. p. 223. No. 5. unique.
20.—Similar. ROMA in incuse letters.—Victoriate. Mommsen, l. c., only three known.
21.—Similar. ROMA in relief.—Victoriate. Cohen. XLIII. 15. 1 fr. 50.

- 22.—Similar.—Semi-victoriate. Mommsen, l. c., very rare.

B. C. 217-204.

- 23.—Hd. of Roma to r.; behind, x.
Rev.:—ROMA. Luna, with crescent above her hd., in a biga galloping to r.—Denarius. Cohen, XLIII. 8. 1 fr. 50.

B. C. 204-196.

- 24.—Similar obverse.
Rev.:—ROMA. Victory in a biga galloping to r.—Denarius. Cohen, XLIII. 11. 1 fr. 50.

B. C. 114-104.

- 25.—ROMA. x. Hd. of Roma to r. wearing winged and crested helmet.
Rev.:—Roma seated on a pile of armor to r. leaning on a spear; at her feet the wolf suckling Romulus and Remus; above, on each side, a bird flying.—Denarius. Cohen, XLIII. 14. 3 fr.

SILVER COINS STRUCK AT ROME AND AT BRANCHES OF THE MINT.

B. C. 229-217.

ROME.

- 26.—Hd. of Roma to r., in winged helmet; behind, x.
Rev.:—ROMA.—The Dioscuri charging to r.; below, ROMA in monogram.—Denarius. D'Ailly, CIX. II. R¹².
27.—Similar hd.; behind, v.
Rev.:—Similar. — Quinarius. Cohen, XLIII. 5. 5 fr.
28.—Similar hd.; behind, iis.
Rev.:—Similar. — Sestertius. Cohen, XLIII. 7. 15 fr.
29.—Laureate hd. of Jupiter to r.
Rev.:—ROMA. Victory standing to r. crowning a trophy; between Victory and trophy, ROMA in monogram.—Victoriate. D'Ailly, CXIII. 12. unique.
LUCERIA.
30.—Hd. of Roma to r.; behind, v.
Rev.:—ROMA. The Dioscuri charging to r.; below L.—Quinarius. D'Ailly, CIII. 10. R³.
31.—Similar, but L on obverse in place of re-

versc. D'Ailly, ciii. ii. common.

32.—Similar hd.; behind us; below, L.

Rev.:—Similar. —Sestertius. D'Ailly, ciii. 14. R¹².

33.—Laureate hd. of Jupiter to r.

Rev.:—ROMA. Victory to r. crowning a trophy; between Victory and trophy, L.—Victoriate. D'Ailly, cv. i. c.

LUCERIA AND TEANUM. (?)

34.—Helmet male hd. to r.; below, L.

Rev.:—ROMA. One of the Dioscuri riding to l. with right arm raised; to r., s.—Sestertius. D'Ailly, cvi. 7. R¹².

35.—Laureate hd. of Jupiter to r.; below L.

Rev.:—ROMA. Victory to r. crowning a trophy; between Victory and trophy, T.—Victoriate. D'Ailly, cvi. 4. R².

36.—Laureate hd. of Jupiter to r.

Rev.:—ROMA. Victory to r. crowning a trophy; between Victory and trophy, L T (joined).—Victoriate. D'Ailly, cvi. 12. R³.

CORCYRA.

37.—Similar hd.

Rev.:—ROMA. Victory to r. crowning a trophy; between Victory and trophy K O P in monogram; to r. A r in monogram. D'Ailly, ciii. 4. R¹¹.

38.—Hd. of Roma to r.; behind, v.

Rev.:—ROMA. The Dioscuri charging to r.; below, K O P and A r in monogram.—Quinarius. D'Ailly, ciii. 5. R¹⁰.

CROTONA.

39.—Laureate hd. of Jupiter to r.

Rev.:—ROMA. Victory to r. crowning a trophy; between Victory and trophy, CROT.—Victoriate. Cohen, xxvii. 60fr.

VIBO.

40.—Similar, but between Victory and trophy, VIB in monogram in place of CROT.—Victoriate. Cohen, xli. 1. 3 fr.

41.—Similar, with s on reverse.—Semi-victoriate. Cohen, xli. 2. 10 fr.

UNKNOWN CITY.

42.—Laureate hd. of Jupiter to r.; behind, c.

Rev.:—ROMA. Victory to r. crowning a trophy; between Victory and trophy, M.—Victoriate. D'Ailly, ci. 17. R³.

SILVER COINS WITH MONEYSER'S SYMBOLS, OR LETTERS.

B. C. 234-196.

43.—Hd. of Roma to r.; behind, x.

Rev.:—ROMA. The Dioscuri charging to r.; in the field, symbol or letter. Denarius.

SYMBOLS.

Anchor.—D'Ailly, LXXVIII. 2. R².

Apex.—D'Ailly, LXX. 1. R¹.

Apex and hammer (tudes).—D'Ailly, LXX.

3. R³.

Axe (ascia).—D'Ailly, LXX. 15. R¹².

Beak of ship (rostrum).—D'Ailly, xciii.

11. C.

Bull, butting.—D'Ailly, xciv. 12. R¹.

Caduceus.—D'Ailly, LXXVIII. 9. R².

Club.—D'Ailly, LXXXIX. 5. C.

Cornucopia.—D'Ailly, LXXXVI. 4. R¹.

Crescent.—D'Ailly, LXXVII. 17. C.

Dog.—D'Ailly, LXXIV. 15. R⁴.

Dolphin.—D'Ailly, LXXIV. 1. R¹.

Ear.—D'Ailly, xci. 16. R⁵.

Ear of wheat.—D'Ailly, LXXX. 10. R³.

Griffin.—D'Ailly, LXXXIV. 8. cc.

Head of woman, mark of the *Horatii Coclites*.—D'Ailly, xciv. 18. R⁶.

Helmet (Gaulish).—D'Ailly, LXXIV. 4. R¹¹.

Laurel wreath.—D'Ailly, LXXVII. 12. R⁵.

Laurel branch, on obverse.—D'Ailly, LXXIII. 1. R⁴.

Laurel branch and fillet, on obverse.—D'Ailly, LXXIII. 2. R⁷.

Meta? (goal).—D'Ailly, LXXII. 7. R⁹.

Owl.—D'Ailly, LXXV. 14. R⁴.

Pentagon.—D'Ailly, xcii. 13. R³.

Ram.—D'Ailly, LXXI. 16. unique.

Rudder.—D'Ailly, LXXXIV. 3. R².

Sceptre on obverse and plume (juba) on reverse.—D'Ailly, LXXXVII. 13 c.

Shield and trumpet, mark of the *Decii Mures*.—Cohen, xvi. 60. fr.

Sow.—D'Ailly, xc. 10. R⁷.

Spear-head.—D'Ailly, LXXXII. 14 R².

Staff (scipio), on obverse.—D'Ailly, LXXXV. 1. C.

Same, both on obv. and rev.—D'Ailly, LXXXV. 14. R¹².

Star.—D'Ailly, LXXI. 1. R¹.

Sword (Gaulish).—D'Ailly, LXXX. 1. R².

Thunderbolt.—D'Ailly, LXXXIII. 9. R⁶.

Trident.—D'Ailly, xcv. 7. C.
Victory flying, holding wreath.—D'Ailly, xcvi. 8. R⁸.

Wheel, earliest serrated denarius.—D'Ailly, xciv. 1. R².

LETTERS.

B.—D'Ailly, c. 1. R⁸; C.—D'Ailly, c. 4. c; D.—D'Ailly, cii. 1. R³; H.—D'Ailly, cii. 4. unique; M.—D'Ailly, cvi. 13 & cxiii. 6. R¹²; MA (joined).—D'Ailly, cvi. 19. R²; MP (joined).—D'Ailly, unique; MT (joined), Mommsen l. c. No. 23. unique.

44.—Hd. of Roma to r.; behind, v.

Rev.—ROMA. The Dioscuri charging to r.; in the field, symbol or letters.—Quinarius.

SYMBOLS.

Ear of wheat.—D'Ailly, LXXX. 15. R⁵.

Spear-head.—D'Ailly, LXXX II. 17 R².

LETTERS.

H.—D'Ailly, cii. 5. c; M.—D'Ailly, cvi. 14. unique; MA (joined).—D'Ailly, cvii. 1. R¹²; MT.—D'Ailly, cviii. 7. R²; Q.—D'Ailly, xcvi. 6. R⁴ & cix. 6. R⁵.

45.—Laureate hd. of Jupiter to r.

Rev.:—ROMA. Victory to r. crowning trophy; in the field, a symbol or letter.—Victoriate.

SYMBOLS.

Club.—D'Ailly, LXXXIX. 7 C.

Cornucopia.—D'Ailly, LXXVI. 8. R³.

Crescent.—D'Ailly, LXXVII. 21. C.

Dog.—D'Ailly, LXXIV. 17. R¹.

Ear of wheat.—D'Ailly, LXXX. 14 R¹.

Fly.—D'Ailly, xc. 11. R³.

Helmet (Gaulish).—D'Ailly, LXXIV. 5. R¹.

Meta ? (goal).—D'Ailly, LXXII. 8. R⁶.

Pentagon.—D'Ailly, xcii. 12 R¹⁰.

Sow.—D'Ailly, xcv. 11. R³.

Spear-head.—LXXXII. 16. C.

Staff (scipio).—D'Ailly, LXXXV. 3. C.

Sword (Gaulish).—D'Ailly, LXXX. 5. R¹.

Thunderbolt.—D'Ailly, LXXXIII. 10. R¹.

Torques (collar).—D'Ailly, xcv. 5. R⁸.

LETTERS.

C. D'Ailly, c. 10. R¹⁰; M P (joined).—D'Ailly, cviii. 1. R; M. P. (joined).—D'Ailly, cviii. 1. c; M. T. (joined).—D'Ailly, cviii. 6.

R¹⁰; Q.—D'Ailly, xcvi. 4. R²; T.—D'Ailly c x 4. R¹³.

B. C. 217--204.

46.—Hd. of Roma to r.; behind, x.

Rev.: ROMA. Luna, with crescent over her hd. in a biga galloping to r.; in the field, a symbol. Denarius.

SYMBOLS.

Fly.—D'Ailly, xc. 7. R¹.

Plume (Juba).—D'Ailly, xcvi. bis. 4. R².

Shrimp.—D'Ailly, xciv. 6. R⁶.

47.—Hd. of Roma to r.; behind, v.

Rev.:—Similar, below shrimp.—Quinarius.—D'Ailly, xciv. 8. unique.

B. C. 154- 134.

48.—Hd. of Rome to r.; behind, x.

Rev.:—Diana holding torch, with quiver over her shoulder, in a car drawn by two stags to r.; below, crescent.—Denarius. Cohen, XLIII. 10. 1 fr. 50.

B. C. 104- 84.

49.—Laureate hd. of Apollo to r.

Rev.:—ROMA. Victory standing to r. crowning a trophy; in the field four torches (?); letters A to X., with or without dots; or numbers.—Semi-victoriate. Cohen, XLIII. 16. 1 fr. 50.

RICHARD H. LAWRENCE.

COIN SALES

October 31. Coins, medals, autographs, postage stamps, etc. 404 lots. Catalogue by Dr. Geo. W. Massamora; sold by Wm. Seemuller & Co., Baltimore.

November 6, 7, and 8. The collection of H. W. Lord, of Washington, D. C. Coins, medals, Continental paper money, Numismatic publications, etc. 1750 lots. Catalogue by John W. Haseltine; sold by Bangs & Co., New York.

November 7. United States and Foreign gold, silver, and copper coins, Continental notes, etc., the property of Joshua L. Lyte and of the Rev. T. H. Keeler. 593 lots. Catalogue by Chas. Steigerwalt, and sold by him, Lancaster, Pa.

November 9 and 10. Anthon Cabinet, Part III. Nos. 1979 to 2891, embracing the series of Russia, Poland, Greece, States of Crusaders in the Levant, Germany, Denmark, Sweden and Holland. Catalogue by Dr. Chas. E. Anthon; sold by Bangs & Co., New York.

A review of this important sale, in our crowded columns, being out of the question, we must refer our readers for detailed accounts to the priced catalogues, copies of which, as well as of Part I and II, can be obtained through us and the auctioneers. Enough to say that buyers thronged the auction rooms, that not only the fine and rare, but also the more common specimens brought the most satisfactory prices, and that Prof. Anthon again expresses his entire satisfaction at the result attained.

November 17 and 18. Medals, Ancient and Modern gold, silver, and bronze coins, proof half cents, etc., etc., once the property of the late Chas. J. Stedman, 1227 lots. Catalogue by H. P. Smith; sold by Bangs & Co., New York. Many fine coins brought astonishingly high figures, we instance, 1842 cent, small date, br. pr 40; 1811 1-2 cent, bright red, 50.; 1842, do., br. pr., 40; octadrachm of Arsinoe, wife of Ptolemy Philadelphus, gold, 91, etc., etc.

November 20. C. L. Stakes, Dayton, Ohio. Third sale or list of coins to be sold privately to the highest bidder. 178 lots.

November 25. American and Foreign coins and medals, inclusive of a collection of fine cents, etc. 603 lots. Catalogue by Ed. Frossard (25 sale); sold by Bangs & Co., New York. Fifty copies printed on thick paper, illustrated with 3 heliotype plates, were issued at \$1.00 per copy. Total proceed of sale \$1129.44. The Louis XV Oswego medal, first offered here at auction sold for \$56; 1793 cent, Wreath, Monog. 7-1, 30.50; the Ameri cent from Merritt's sale, probably as

fine an impression as known, but slightly marred by cuts, \$36; 1794 cent, Young head, uncir., \$25; an unpublished medal for Tobago, silver proof \$11; three official documents, one signed by Washington, two by Washington and Jefferson, brought 29.25, etc. On the whole a very successful sale.

November 27. Ancient coins, rare Masonic medals, etc. 522 lots. Catalogue by Scott & Co.; sold by Geo. A. Leavitt & Co., New York. Several interesting Masonic medals brought good prices, the ancient sold at fair rates.

November 27, 28, 29. Collection of A. M. Smith of Philadelphia, comprising Greek and Roman, American and Foreign, coins, medals, minerals, curiosities, etc., 1930 lots. Catalogue by John W. Haseltine; sold by Henkles & Tripple, Philadelphia. The gem of this collection, a 1793 Ameri cent in uncirculated condition (1315) was bought by the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia for \$84. It is pleasant to chronicle the fact that some efforts are now being made to improve certain series of the mint cabinet; a few occasional purchases like this would soon give it the preeminence, it should and ought to possess over all other collections of American coins in the country.

November 28. Coins and medals, American and Foreign the property of J. Colvin Randall, of Philadelphia. 702 lots. Catalogued by himself and sold by Bangs & Co., New York. Total proceeds of sale \$1535. Mr. Randall in his ramblings abroad during the last summer kept one eye for things numismatic, the other for sight seeing, and thus joining business to pleasure, reaped a very good harvest of rarities, and on his return offered them to buyers at his sale. A 1794 cent, Marred field, sold at 20; 1843 cent, sharp, uncir. 11.25; 1793 half cent, uncir. 18; 1795 dollar, sharp, uncir. nearly proof 75; 1801 half dime, the finest Mr. Randall has

seen, 36; New England shilling 40; 1848 complete proof set of the gold, silver, and copper coins, 97.25; 1797, quarter eagle, 48, 1792 cent, Washington naked bust, proof 55. The success of this sale was due to the sterling quality of the ware offered, and its rarity, not as he claimed in a letter because he had "*the paper, type, and a man to set it, made express'y to order*"!

December 6, 7, 8. In a catalogue of a fine collection of books offered at Leavitt & Co's., New York, were a number of rare numismatic works.

December 11 and 12. Catalogue of George H. Blanchard's collection of coins, medals, etc., also several small consignments 1205 lots. Catalogue by W. E. Woodward (52 sale); sold at Bangs & Co., New York. Mr. Woodward issues thick paper, illustrated copies of all his sales, to be had directly of him at prices advertised.

December 13. Catalogue of Pre-historic stone objects, selected from the cabinets of Prof. J. Grier Ralston & Norman Spang. 501 lots. Catalogue by W. E. Woodward; sold by Bangs & Co., New York.

December 11, 12, 13. Part III, Legras collection, embracing coins and medals of Africa, Asia, Oceanica. and America. 1580 lots. Sold by M. C. Van Peteghem, expert, Paris, France. Had this catalogue made its appearance on this side of the water before Dec. 5, it is probable that large and heavy orders would have been sent abroad both by dealers and private purchasers, and that several thousand francs would have been added to the proceeds of the sale. But as it takes 8 days, at the shortest, to reach Paris from New York, orders could not be sent, or reached too late to be executed. It was therefore fortunate for us that our Paris agent possessed the necessary knowledge of American coins to act without special orders, and we find ourself to-day the lucky partner in a

few very desirable acquisitions, which will soon be offered to our early dime-and-cent-loving-friends at Bangs & Co., or through the March number of Numisma. We quote the following prices realized: Silver jeton of Louis XV. Rev. Castors, etc., COL. FR. DE L'AM. 1755. 60 fr.; Massachusetts shilling 32 fr.; Mass. 1788 half cent, 20 fr.; Rosa Americana penny, 1722, 27 fr.; do. half penny 21 fr.; do. farthing 15 fr.; another farthing 1723, 12 fr.; Vermontensium, 1786, 18 fr.; New Jersey, 1785, 16 fr.; New Yorke in America, (2) 59 fr.; U. S. or Bar cent, 35 fr.; Nova Constellatio, 1783, 7 1-2 fr.; 1793 Wreath cent, 33 fr.; 1793 half cent, 31 fr.; do. Liberty cap, 99 fr.; 1794 cent, 26 fr.; do. half cent, 26 fr.; 1795, dollar, fillet head, 26 fr.; 1796, quarter dollar, 45 fr.; do half dime, 46 fr.; 1797, dollar, 14 fr.; 1798, dollar, 16 fr.; 1799, dollar, 18 fr.; 1801, half dime, 33 fr.; 1802, dollar, 21 fr.; 1803, half dime, 25 fr.; 1807, dime, 2 1-2 fr. From catalogue descriptions it is impossible to judge of the condition of the above, but they are probably very fine or uncirculated. The moneys of Central America, per contra, brought astonishingly high prices, a Honduras Provisional 1823, 2 real, *pierced*, 103 fr.; another, also *pierced*, 100 fr.; still another, 80 fr., etc. These Central and South American moneys of which a large number will soon be offered in a collection now prepared by us for sale, bring much higher prices abroad than here, and if the prices realized at Legras' sale are correct exponents of values it would pay handsomely to export them and sell abroad.

December 20. Coins, medals and postage stamps. 301 lots. Catalogue by Dr. Geo. W. Massamora; sold by Wm. Seemuller & Co., Baltimore, Md.

Dr. Massamora, in a preface to this catalogue, offers a limited number of a rare Washington medal, same as Mickley 3005, the die of which were accidentally discovered by him. *Ours has been ordered.*

December 21. Coins and postage stamps. 296 lots. Catalogue by Jos. B. Burleigh; sold by Wm. Seemuller, Baltimore, Md.

December 22. Ancient silver and bronze coins, American coins, etc., the collection of J. H. Wood of Boston, Mass. 666 lots. Catalogue by H. P. Smith; sold at Bangs & Co., New York. Mr. Scott was a heavy purchaser at this sale, on orders, and prices ruled accordingly high. A 2 daler copper plate money of Fred. I. of Sweden, sold at 18; a good 1794 dollar 48., Roman aes, early period, 6.50. etc. Total \$811.—

December 27 and 28. United States gold, silver, and copper coins, Foreign coin, paper money, Indian stone implements, etc. 944 lots. Catalogue by Chas. Steigerwalt, and sold by him at Lancaster, Pa.

December 28 and 29. Collection of Paul J. Maas, of Laporte, Ind. 1248 lots. Catalogue by W. E. Woodward; sold by Bangs & Co., New York. Many of the foreign crowns, double crowns, etc., sold at excellent prices.

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him abundant enjoyment in his moments of leisure. No coins so obscure that will not engage his attention until the mystery of origin, value, etc. is solved, and then it is placed in its appropriate place in his large and interesting collection. Some may sneer at this branch of numismatics as too trifling and uninteresting; they prefer the splendid artistic monuments in gold and silver, the bust in high relief, the titles and heraldic display, the showy medals that speak of glorious deeds, renowned conquerors, and memorable historical events. And yet it is a fact that however unpretending and obscure, the copper coins of each country from the true basis of its coinage, its A. B. C. as it were, that the complex designs of the large coins grew out of the simple type of the despised copper, in a word that a good knowledge of the copper coinage of a country is the key of its numismatic history. This is the ground Mr. Low takes, and as we entirely agree with him, both in premises and conclusions, we earnestly recommend those young collectors who *mean* to collect for self-culture and historical knowledge to follow his example and to pay more attention to the study of foreign copper coins, and less to that of variations in the position of a berry on a cent, or the number of feathers in an eagle's tail on a dollar. If these will follow our well meant advice they will avoid the disgust and wearisomeness which befalls a man who tries hard to construe 19 varieties out of a rubbish of common cents of a common date, and in time will become more than simple collectors, true numismatists. Selah!

F. A. Bolen's, Medals, Cards and fac-similes. An accurate and comprehensive descriptive catalogue of Bolen's works, with number struck in each metal, disposition of dies, and other detail, by Edwin L. Johnson, Springfield, Mass. Accurately describes 43 medals, and names the combinations of 15 mules, all by Bolen. Interesting and useful. A few copies for sale by us at publisher's price.

American Journal of Philately and Coin Advertiser, Vol. XVI., Oct. 1882. Published by Scott & Co., 721 Broadway, New York. Contains the latest information concerning new issues of postage stamps, lists of coins, stamps, etc., for sale.

NUMISMATIC GOSSIP.

To our subscribers: Do not wait until you receive a bill to pay up for Numisma to date and renew your subscription, but send us a dollar; it will come safely. We want to hear from about one hundred dollar men, and a good many more half-dollar ones--in the mean while--a happy New Year to all, and our apologies for late appearance.—Mason & Co., announce pro-tem suspension of the Coin Collectors' Magazine, on account of the serious illness of a member of the firm. Sorry to hear this, Bro Mason.—A fire in Scott & Co.'s office came near destroying \$5;000,000 of postage stamps (selling price).—*To Zulu:* You are both right and wrong; the "Coin Boss" is an excellent judge of dimes, but is not a returned missionary, 15 seconds' conversation with him would convince you of it.—Bonneville in his work has an engraving of a 1798 half dollar; it is now claimed by a collector that he has seen a half dollar of that date, obtained in France by a Brooklyn man. For further particulars apply to H. G. Sampson, who knows the aforesaid collector.—I. F. Wood has published his splendid masonic medal of Washington; a limited number only will be issued.—Chapman Bros., are slowly recovering from the nervous prostration incident to the bringing forth of the Bushnell catalogue, the Dr. says both are in a hopeful condition.—*To D. B.:* No, we do not wish to pay you \$10 for the address of the friend who heard a man say he knew where he could buy an 1804 dollar.—S. K. Harzfeld says he is better and will soon be back with his pockets full of early dollars, cents and other rarities.—*To Sam:* 40 cents a pound is all we can pay for your collection of 1816--1857 cents, all smooth and polished.—Mr. H. P. Smith has bought the magnificent collection of ancient and foreign coins formed by Mr. Clement Ferguson of New York, and will

sell at Bangs & Co., end of this month.—Our next sale, January 27th, contains a large number of rare and desirable coins, ancient and modern, foreign and American.—Mr. Geo. W. Cogan will soon offer a fine collection of American coins, complete, as regard the silver issues, with the exception of course of the 1804 dollar.

NEW MEDALS.

The recent celebration in Philadelphia of William Penn's bi-centennial furnished a fitting occasion for the issue of a few medals, complete sets of which can be obtained, at \$1.75, from Mr. J. W. Haseltine, 1225 Chestnut St., Philadelphia.

1.

Cannon, mortar, arms, etc., surmounted by three flags, forming a trophy. FIRE DEPARTMENT | PENN BI-CENTENNIAL. 1882. Rev. Steam fire-engine and hose carriage, surmounted by a constellation of 34 stars; in exergue, IN COMMEMORATION OF THE GRAND PARADE OF THE PHILA. FIRE DEP'T, OCT., 16, 1865; size 32; dies by W. H. Key.

2.

Bust with quaker hat to left. WILLIAM PENN. Rev. Two circles, the one enclosing view of house, PENN'S HOUSE, the other of a public building, CITY HALL; an angelic figure above and the coat of arms of Pennsylvania below, fill up the field. Size 22.

3.

Full figure of Penn, his arms extended. WILLIAM PENN | FOUNDER OF PENNSYLVANIA. Rev. View of house, PENN'S HOUSE | 1682---1882. Size 20.

4.

Bust of Penn nearly facing. PENN | 1682 Rev. Coat of arms of Pennsylvania. DISTRIBUTED BY EMPLOYEES OF U. S. MINT DURING THE CELEBRATION | OF PENNSYLVANIA'S BI-CENTENNIAL | OCT. 24, 1882. Size 16.

5.

Bust with flowing hair of Penn, facing. WM. PENN | 1682 | 1882. Rev. The Lord's Prayer, in 15 lines. Size 8.